

REMARKS

Reconsideration of this application, in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks, is requested.

Claims 1, 3-11, 13-20, 22, 23, and 25 were presented for consideration in this application. By the foregoing amendment, claims 1, 3-11, 13-20, 22, 23, and 25 are canceled and new claim 29-52 are added. No new matter is added by way of the new claims as support may be found, for example, in Figs. 1 and 4-7 and paragraphs [0032]-[0100] of the specification. Claims 29-52 are now pending.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 1, 3-4, 11, 13-14, 20, 22, and 23 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,604,170 ("Suzuki") in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,775,745 ("Fry") and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,761,680 ("Cohen"). Claims 5, 16, and 25 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Suzuki in view of Fry and further in view of Cohen and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,890,169 ("Wong"). Claim 6 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Suzuki in view of Fry and further in view of Wong and further in view of Cohen and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,534,701 ("Isozaki"). Claims 7-10 and 17-19 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Suzuki in view of Fry and further in view of U.S. Patent Publication No. 2004/0205697 ("Hylands") and further in view of Cohen. Claims 1, 3-4, 11, 13-14, 20, 22, and 23 are canceled herein, thus rendering these rejections moot. Accordingly, withdrawal of these rejections is requested.

New Claims

In lieu of extensively amending the previously pending claims, Applicant canceled the pending claims herein and provided new claims for ease of reading. Applicant asserts that the new claims are patentable over the portions of the prior art relied upon by the Examiner to reject the previous claims. For example, new independent claim 29 recites "a file system in a protected area comprised in secondary storage" and "a file open operation

comprised in a file metadata processing module loaded in a shared execution portion of the secure RAM [comprised in a digital processing system] wherein the file open operation ... stores a cluster identifier for each cluster in the sequence in a buffer comprised in a shared data portion of the secure RAM." New independent claim 29 also recites "a file access operation comprised in a file data processing module loaded in the shared execution portion, wherein the data processing module overlays at least a portion of the metadata processing module, and wherein the file access operation accesses a portion of data in the file using at least one cluster identifier stored in the buffer." The portions of the prior art cited by the Examiner do not appear to teach or suggest, for example, a file in a file system in a protected area of secondary storage and/or the use of a secure RAM with a shared execution portion and a shared data portion when opening and accessing the file as required by the claim 29.

New independent claims 37 and 45 include limitations similar to those discussed above for claim 29 and thus are patentable over the cited prior art for at least the same reasons. The new dependent claims are also patentable over the cited prior art for at least the same reasons. Accordingly, favorable consideration of the new claims is requested.

Conclusion

Applicant believes this application and the claims herein to be in a condition for allowance and respectfully requests that the Examiner allow this application to pass to the issue branch.

Applicant believes that no additional fee is due at this time; however, please charge any additional fee(s) or underpayments of fee(s) under 37 CFR 1.16 and 1.17 relating to this matter to Deposit Account Number 20-0668, for Texas Instruments Incorporated.

Should the Examiner have further inquiry concerning these matters, please contact the below named attorney for Applicant.

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